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BOB SCHIEFFER: Libya's radical regime is using many methods these days to acquire its military equipment and technological know-how to aid in its acknowledged export of revolution. One such method that recently came to light involves Edwin Wilson and Frank Terpil, the former CIA employees who are under federal indictment for selling illegal explosives to Libya.

Another method involves Libya's considerable oil wealth, as David Andelman tells us in the second part of his special report.

DAVID ANDELMAN: For 20 years, Telemit, a small electronics company in Munich, has been manufacturing sophisticated military electronics equipment, selling at least part of its output to the German army. It has a diverse line of products, all NATO standard and fully interchangeable with similar American equipment.

In its two plants in Munich and Schoenberg, the company makes hand-held walkie talkies and complex scrambler equipment. Some of this equipment, according to Telemit's own film, shown here, has been installed in Germany's new state-of-the-art Leopard tank, although the German Defense Ministry denies Telemit supplies anything more than spare parts.

Recently, the company opened a joint venture in Istanbul, supplying similar electronics equipment to another NATO ally, Turkey.

Five years ago, however, the nature of the company changed. It passed out of the hands of its founder, Herbert Mittermeyer, and into the hands of a Swiss corporation, designed, its present owners admit, to conceal the true owners of Telemit's